GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:80
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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL GAS GRID
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for setting up of a national gas grid to meet the future requirement of gas based industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any progress has been made in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 80 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.2.2009 BY SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA, MP REGARDING SETTING UP OF NATIONAL GAS GRID.

(a) to (b): There is no specific proposal from State Governments for setting up a national gas grid. However, requests have been received from Governments of some States for pipeline connectivity in their States.

(c) to (d): Gas pipelines are laid according to gas availability, and location of production centres and customers. A network of trunk gas pipelines is being laid in the country by various entities connecting customers to various sources of natural gas. GAIL is presently operating around 6800 km of pipelines with a capacity of aorund 142 million standard cubic metres per day (mmscmd) for transportation of natural gas to various parts of the country. Dahej-Uran Pipeline (DUPL) and Dabhol-Panvel pipeline (DPPL) have been commissioned by GAIL in July 2007. Kelaras-Malanpur, Vijaipur-Kota and Jagoti-Pitampur pipelines have been commissioned by GAIL in July 2006, January 2007 and March 2007 respectively. Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) is commissioning Kakinada-Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad pipeline (1385 km) for transporting gas from KG basin to consumers in other parts o f the country. Dadri-Panipat pipeline (133 km) is under implementation by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).

GAIL has been issued authorizations for Dadri-Bawana-Nangal Pipeline, Chainsa-Gurgaon-Jhajjar-Hissar Pipeline, Jagdishpur-Haldia Pipeline, Dabhol-Bangalore Pipeline and Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Bangalore/Mangalore Pipeline. Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) has been granted authorizations for Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah Pipeline, Vijaywada-Nellore-Chennai Pipeline, Chennai-Tuticorin Pipeline and Chennai-Bangalore-Mangalore Pipeline.

To encourage investment in the sector and to regulate the same in a non-discriminatory manner, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006'.